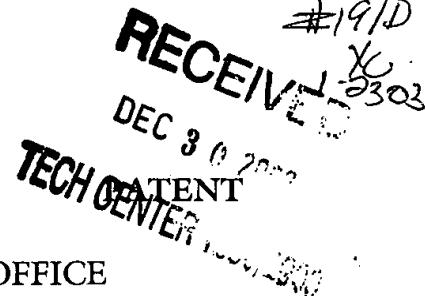




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PATENT EXAMINING OPERATION

Applicant : Smith et al.
Serial No. : 09/269,999
Filed : June 28, 1999
Group Art Unit : 1615
Examiner : Todd D. Ware
For : PRODUCTION OF POROUS ARTICLES

AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated June 19, 2002, the period for response having been extended three months to December 19, 2002 by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 21 as follows:

21. (Amended) A method of making a porous article composed of bonded particles and having a predetermined level of porosity, pore size and interconnectivity, the method consisting essentially of:

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